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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATIONS ON SYRIAN REVOLUTIONARY DAY

REF: DAMASCUS 0187

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ASAD ON OR  
BEFORE MARCH 8 FROM PRESIDENT NIXON:

QUOTE: ON THE OCCASION OF THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
REVOLUTION DAY IN SYRIA, I WISH TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
EXTEND TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND  
PEOPLE OF SYRIA THE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES OF THE GOVERN-  
MENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE ARE  
GRATIFIED THAT OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE MOVED TOWARDS A PATH  
OF CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION IN PURSUIT OF A JUST AND LAST-  
ING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTIN-  
UATION OF THESE EFFORTS. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION  
TO RELEASE BY GOS. KISSINGER

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